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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION Address to: Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450	Attorney Docket No.	DURE-021
	Confirmation No.	8010
	First Named Inventor	Irving K. Arenberg
	Application Number	09/205,251
	Filing Date	December 4, 1998
	Group Art Unit	3763
	Examiner Name	Stigell, Theodore J.
	Title:	<i>“Controlled Release System for Delivering Therapeutic Agents into the Inner Ear”</i>

Commissioner:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action mailed September 29, 2011. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time, making this response due by Monday, January 30, 2012, the first business day following Sunday, January 29, 2012. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

A Listing of the Claims and their current status is provided beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.